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THe Apostle saith to the *Corinthians*, that had been Baptized with outward Water, and taken the Elements of Bread and Wine *in Remembrance of Christs Death, till he came.* Examine your selves whether you be in the Faith, and prove your own selves; *Know ye not your own selves how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be Reprobates*, 2 Cor. 13. 5.

Now here you may see Baptizing with Water, and taking the Elements of Bread and VVine, doth not make true Christians, for the Apostle tells them they were Reprobates, if that Jesus Christ was not in them, and then they were not like to be in the true Faith; so you may see that Reprobates may take Bread and VVine, and be Baptized with VVater, and not have Christ in them.

And *John* Baptist said, *I Baptize you with Water unto Repentance for the Remission of Sins; I must Decrease, but he that comes after me must Encrease. Who is Mightier than I, whose Shooes Latchets I am not worthy to unloose, he shall Baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with Fire, whose Fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his Floor, and gather the Wheat into his Garner, but will burn up the Chaff with unquestionable Fire*, Mat. 2. 11, 12. Mark 1. 8. Luke 3. 16. John 1. 26. and 3. 30.

Now many may come to be Baptized with outward Water, yea such covetous ones as *Simon Magus*, that think to buy the

Gift of God with Money; and many may come into *John*'s Baptism, and be such as go in the way of *Corah*, *Dathan* and *Abiram*, and Gain-say the Life of Christianity, as they did *Moses*, whose Chaff remains unburned up forsaking the right way, who loved the wages of unrighteousness, 2 *Pet.* 2. 15. And likewise many may be like *Balaam*, that the Apostle speaks of, and yet plead they have been *Dipped* or *Sprinkled* with Water, and taken Bread and Wine in remembrance of Christ, and yet remain in the Chaff, and their Floor's unpurged.

And again the Apostle speaks of such as with good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple, such serve not the Lord Jesus Christ, but their own Bellies, *Rom.* 16. 17. And again the Apostle speaks of such as were proved covetous Boasters, and heady high-minded, without natural affections, Truce Breakers, False Accusers, fierce despisers of them that are good; all these might boast, and say they had been Baptized with Water; and they had taken Bread and Wine in remembrance of Christ's Death: But the Apostle saith, *They resisted the Truth, and were Men of corrupt Minds and Reprobate concerning the Faith, having the form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof, from such turn away*; as in 2 *Tim.* 3. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. these you do believe were Christians in Name, and they might cry up *John*'s Water decreasing Baptism, and the Elements of Bread and Wine, but never come to Christ's Baptism, to have the Chaff burnt up, that they might be made the Christians; and such Anti-christs, Deceivers, and false Prophets that should come in the Sheeps cloathing, should be cloathed in the form of the Sheeps words, and the form of Godliness, which Christ said should come; and *John* said they were come, and were out from us, shewing that they were among the true Christians; but he said they went forth from us; for if they had been of us they would no doubt have continued with us; but they went out from us, that it might be made manifest they were not all of us; Do you think that these had not had the outward Elements of Bread and Wine, and been Baptized with outward water, and went not under the Name of outward Christians, and yet remained full of Chaff, and never came to Christ's Baptism, 1. *John* 2. 18, 19. and 4. 1.

And such as hold the Doctrin of *Balaam*, and the Doctrine of the *Nicolatans*, which God hated in the Church of *Pergamos*;

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and ſuch as ſuffered *Jezabel* to teach and ſeduce God's Servants in the Church of *Thiatyra*. Do you think that the *Nicolaitans* and *Jezabel*, and they that were in the doctrin of *Balaam*, did they not go under the Name of Chriſtians in thoſe Churches whom God ſent *John* to reprove, *Rev.* 2. 12, 14, 15, 20. And do you think theſe had not taken the Elements of Bread and Wine, and were not Baptized with outward water, and yet were full of Chaff and Corruption, and never came to Chriſt's Baptiſm to burn up the Chaff, *&c.*

And what think you of *Demas* that forſook *Paul*, and loved this preſent World; and *Alexander* the Copper Smith that did the Apoſtle much evil, 2 *Tim.* 4. 10, 14. And thoſe unruly and vain Talkers, eſpecially they of the Circumciſion, whoſe mouths muſt be ſtopt, *who pervert whole Houſes, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucres ſake. Evil Beaſts, and ſlow Bellies; they profeſs they know God, but in works they deny him, being abominable and diſobedient, and to every good work a Reprobate, giving heed to Jewiſh Fables, and Commandments of Men, that turn from the Truth.* Tit. 10: to the end. And do not you think that theſe Teachers, which had ſuch bad Fruits, went under the Name of Chriſtians, and had the *Water Baptiſm*, and had taken the Elements of Bread and Wine? and yet never came to the Baptiſm of Chriſt to burn up the Chaff with *Unquenchable Fire*. And are not there too many ſuch now that Teach for filthy Lucre, and give heed to Jewiſh Fables and Commandments of men, unruly vain Talkers.

And the Apoſtle ſaith, *The Spirit ſpeaks expreſly, that in the latter times ſome ſhould depart from the Faith, giving heed to ſeducing Spirits, and Doctrines of Devils; ſpeaking Lies in Hypocriſie, having their Conſciences ſeared with a hot Iron; Forbidding to Marry, and commanding to abſtain from Meats, which God hath Created to be Received*, &c. 1 Tim. 4. 1, 2, 3. And do not you think that theſe went under the Name of Chriſtians, and had taken the Elements of Bread and Wine, and been Baptized with water, but did not come to Chriſt's Baptiſm with Fire to burn up the Chaff.

And thoſe falſe Teachers that *Peter* ſpeaks of, *That many ſhould follow their pernicious waies, by reaſon of whom the way of Truth ſhall be evil ſpoken of (thro Covetouſneſs ſhall they with feigned words make*

make Merchandize of you) whoſe judgment now of a long time lingreth not, and whoſe Damnation ſlumbereth not; theſe as natural brute Beaſts, ſpeaking evil of things they know not, that walk after the Fleſh, and the luſt of uncleanneſs, and deſpiſe Government, Preſumptuous, Self-willed; theſe are not afraid to ſpeak evil of Dignities; Spots they are and Blemiſhes, ſporting themſelves with their own Deceivings. While they Feaſt with you, beguiling unſtable Souls, a heart they have exerciſed with covetous practices, which have forſaken the right way, and are gone aſtray. Theſe are Wells without Water; Clouds that are carried about with a Tempeſt. Trees whoſe Fruit withereth twice, dead, pluckt up by the Roots. Raging waves of the Sea, foaming out their own ſhame. Wandering Stars: yet they ſpeak great ſwelling words of Vanity. While they promiſe Liberty, they themſelves are the Servants of Corruption: For it had been better for them not to have known the way of Righteouſneſs, than after they have known it to turn from the holy Commandment delivered unto them.

So you may ſee that theſe Covetous Merchandizing Teachers, and their Followers had known the way of Righteouſneſs, and the Holy Commandment, and the right way who turned from it, and had Feaſted with the Saints, who were twice Dead, ſhewing that they were once made Alive and Dead again; as in 2 *Pet.* 2. throughout, and *Jude*, 12. 13. And do not you think that all theſe Teachers went under the name of Chriſtians, and were Baptized with outward Water, and took the Elements of Bread and Wine, but were not Baptized with Chriſt's Baptiſm that burns up the Chaff with unquenchable Fire.

And the Apoſtle ſaith, *Let no man beguile you of your Reward, in a Voluntary Humility and Worſhipping of Angels, intruding into thoſe things which he hath not ſeen, Vainly puft up with his Fleſhly Mind, not holding Chriſt the Head*, Col. 2. 18, 19. Are not there many ſuch Intruders now as are vainly puſt up, with a Fleſhly mind that go under the Name of Chriſtians not holding Chriſt the Head over their Church, but ſet up other Heads. But Chriſt is and always was the Head over his true Church, and they that do not hold Chriſt the Head, are not like to be Baptized with Chriſts Baptiſm of Fire to burn up the Chaff.

And the Apoſtle ſaith, *O fooliſh Gallatians who hath bewitched you that ye ſhould not obey the truth*, but now after that you have known God

God or rather are known of God, how turn you again to the weak and beggarly Elements whereunto ye desire again to be brought into Bondage; ye observe Days, Months, Times and Years, I am afraid of you lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain, stand fast therefore in the Liberty in which Christ hath made you free, and be not intangled again with the Yoke of Bondage, *Gal.* 3. 1, 4, 9, 10. and 15. 1.

Now consider these were called Christians, that were going into these things which the Apostle calls them back from unto Christ: But to consider again, how many Christians there are in the World, that observes Days, Times, Months, and Years, which God and Christ never Commanded and persecute others that will not? But stand in the Liberty in which God and Christ hath made them free.

And Christ saith, *John* did not bear witness to the truth, and he was a burning shining Light, and ye were willing for a season to rejoyce in his Light, and the Father himself which hath sent me, beareth witness of me; ye have neither heard his Voice at any time nor seen his Shape, and ye have not his word abiding in you, for him whom he hath sent ye believe not, search the Scriptures, for in them you think to have Eternal Life, and they are they which testifie of me, and ye will not come to me that ye might have Life, but I know you that you have not the Love of God in you, how can you believe which receive Honour one of another, and seek not the Honour which comes from God only, *John* 5. 33. to the end.

Now had not these been Baptized with *John's* Water Baptism, who were willing for a season to rejoyce in his Light, which had neither heard the Voice of God nor seen his Shape, and the Love of God was not in them who sought Honour one of another, but not the Honour that comes from God only, and would not come to Christ, that they might have Life; So *John's* Water-Baptism did not make these true Christians, neither did it give them Life, but they that come to Christ and believe in him have Life, and they are the true Christians in whom the word of God abideth, and the Love of God, and such are his Sheep that hear Christs Voice, and seek the Honour that comes from God.

And Christ saith, *I say unto you among them that are Born of a Woman, there is not a greater Prophet than John the Baptist, but he that*

that is leaſt in the Kingdom of God is greater than he, *Luk.* 7. 28.

And Chriſt ſaith, the Law and the Prophets were until *John*, ſince that time namely of the Prophets, and *John* the Kingdom of God is Preacht, and every man preſſeth into it; So you may ſee in the end of *John* the Law and the Prophets, the Kingdom of God is Preacht, and men preſs into it, *Luke*, 15. 16. And the Apoſtle telleth the *Colloſians*, that they were Tranſlated into the Kingdom of God, ſo they were the true Chriſtians, that were Tranſlated into the Kingdom of Gods dear Son, *Col.* 1. 13.

And the Apoſtle ſaith, *Leaving the principles of the Doctrine of Chriſt, or the words of the beginning of Chriſt, let us go on to Perfection, not laying again the Foundation of Repentance from dead works, and of Faith towards God, and of the Doctrine of Baptiſmes*, Heb. 6. 1, 2.

So here you may ſee the Apoſtles and the Saints go on to Perfection, and to bring People to Perfection; and as the Apoſtle ſaith to the *Colloſians*, Chriſt in you the hope of Glory, whom we Preach, teaching every man in all Wildom, that we may preſent every man perfect in Chriſt Jeſus, ſo he did not only Preach Chriſt without them, but Chriſt within them, that they might preſent them perfect in Chriſt Jeſus, ſo the Apoſtles Miniſtry made true perfect Chriſtians in Chriſt Jeſus, *Col.* 1. 18.

And again the Apoſtle ſaith to the *Epheſians*, *That Chriſt may dwell in your hearts by Faith, that ye being rooted and grounded in Love*, &c. *Eph.* 3. 17. Theſe were true Chriſtians in Chriſt, and the Apoſtle tells the *Corinthians* if Chriſt be not in you, you are Reprobates, and the Apeſtles which went on to Perfection, leaving the beginning Doctrines, *&c. Heb.* 6. 1, 2. He brought the Church of Chriſt to the *one Lord, one Faith, one Baptiſm*, *Eph.* 4. 5. and ſaith, *As many of you that have been Baptized into Chriſt have put on Chriſt, there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither Bond nor Free; there is neither Male nor Female, for they are allone in Chriſt Jeſus, that are Baptized into Chriſt, and have put on Chriſt*, as in *Gal.* 3. 27. theſe were true Chriſtians

And again the Apoſtle ſaith, *That as many of us as are Baptized into Chriſt, are baptized into his Death, therefore being buried with him by Baptiſm into his Death, that like as Chriſt being raiſed up from the Dead by the Glory of the Father, even ſo we alſo ſhould walk in Newneſs of Life, for if we have been planted together in the*

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likeneſs of his Death, we ſhall alſo in the likeneſs of his Reſurrection, knowing this, that our Old Man is Crucified with him, Rom. 6. 3, 4, 5, 6.

Now theſe were and are the true Chriſtians; but ſuch whoſe Old Man is not Crucified, and walk in the oldneſs of the Letter, and are not Baptized into Chriſt's Death, nor Buried with him by Baptiſm into Death, but their Old Man is alive with their Element of Water, and ſome are Baptized and others Sprinkled, and do not love to hear to go on to Perfection, and leaving the Doctrin of Baptiſms, and come to the one Spiritual Baptiſm of Chriſt, that will Burn up the Chaff, and Crucifie the Old Man; But the Apoſtle ſaith, *by one Spirit are we all Baptized into one Body, whether Jews or Gentiles, whether Bond or Free, and have been all made to Drink into one Spirit*, 1 Cor. 12. 13. And theſe are the true Chriſtians. And is not this Spiritual Baptiſm the Baptiſm of Chriſt? And the Apoſtle doth not ſay, they were Baptized or Sprinkled with the Element of Water into one Body, but with the one Baptiſm of the Spirit, which he brought them to, by which they were Baptized into one Body. For the World is not ſo blind, but they may ſee how many ſorts of Bodies there are, and how many ſorts of Baptizers there are with the Element of Water, which doth not bring them into one Body, and the Old Man is alive full of Wrath, Malice, and Envy, one againſt another, uncrucified and unburied. And therefore ſuch cannot be true Chriſtians; except they will have the Old Man to be a Chriſtian, that can cry up the Element of Water, and cannot endure to hear talk of Chriſt's Baptiſm with Fire to Burn up his Chaff and to be Buried with him.

And the Apoſtle ſaith to the *Coloſſians*, *Seeing that ye have put off the Old Man with his Deeds, and have put on the New Man, which is renewed in Knowledge, after the Image of God that created him*, Col. 3. 10.

Now theſe were true Chriſtians indeed; theſe had put off the Old Man, and Crucified and Buried him, as in *Rom.* 6. 4, 6.

And again, the Apoſtle ſaith, *Ye are Compleat in Chriſt, which is the Head of all Principality and Power, in whom alſo ye are Circumciſed with the Circumciſion made without hands, in putting off the Body of the Sins of the Fleſh, by the Circumciſion of Chriſt, buried with*

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him in Baptiſm, wherein alſo ye are riſen with him, through the Faith of the Operation of God, who hath raiſed up Chriſt from the dead, Col. 2. 10, 11, 12. For theſe were compleat and true Chriſtians, whom Chriſt had Circumciſed in *putting off the Body of Death and Sins of the Fleſh, and were Buried with him in Baptiſm, and Riſen with him,* &c. But the Old Man, with his Deeds, which pleads for a Body of Death and Sin to the Grave, doth not like to hear of the Circumciſion of Chriſt, made without hands, that puts off the Body of Death and Sins of the Fleſh, and of being Buried with him in Baptiſm, and the Old Man crucified, ſo are not like to be compleat Chriſtians in Chriſt the Head, for the Circumciſion made with Hands, and the Baptiſm or Sprinkling with the Element of Water, doth not put off the Old Man and his Deeds, nor Crucifie, nor put off, nor cut off the Body of Death, nor Sins of the Fleſh; therefore is it like ſuch ſhould be true Chriſtians in Chriſt?

And the Apoſtle ſaith, *That ye put off concerning your former Converſation, the Old Man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful Luſts, and be Renewed in the Spirit of your Mind, and that ye put on the New Man, which after God is Created in Righteouſneſs, and true Holineſs,* Epheſ. 4. 22, 23, 24.

Were not theſe true Chriſtians? But you that do ſay, you muſt not put off the Old Man, which is corrupt and imperfect, with his Deeds and Body of Death, while on this ſide the Grave, is not this the Speech of the Old Man? then you are not like to put on the New Man, which is after God created in Righteouſneſs and true Holineſs on this ſide the Grave, and then be ſure you are not like to put him on in the Grave.

Chriſt ſaith, *Be you perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect,* Matth. 5. 48. But the Old Man ſaith, there is no perfection here on this ſide the Grave. And the Apoſtle ſaith to the *Corinthians, We ſpeak Wiſdom among them that are perfect,* 1 Cor. 2. 6. Then this Wiſdom is ſpoken among the New Men which are Created after God, in Righteouſneſs, and not to the Old Man, that denies Perfection, and pleads for a Body of Sin and Death to the Grave; and yet this Old Man would be called a Chriſtian with his Old Garments, and his Old Bottle, and Old Wine.

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And *Peter* ſaith, *As he which hath called you is holy, ſo be you holy in all Manner of Converſation; Becauſe it is written, be ye holy, as I am holy,* 1 Pet. 1. 15, 16. And alſo it is ſaid, *without holineſs none ſhall ſee the Lord.* But the Old Man will ſay, this is Impoſſible, that people ſhould be ſo while upon the Earth. No, this Doctrin was preacht to the New Men, *which are after God,* &c. and Believers in the Light, and Children of the Light.

Chriſt ſaith, *Love your Enemies*; but is it likely, that the Old Man ſhould love the New Man, that will put him off, and will not carry him, nor his Old Garment, nor his Old Bottle of Old Wine, and his Luſts and deceitful Deeds, but will put him off, and cruciſie him and bury him? And yet this Old Man would be a Chriſtian in Word, but it is the New Man that is a Chriſtian Indeed in Chriſt; *for as Many as Receive Chriſt, and Believe in him, to them he gives Power to become the Sons of God*; and thoſe were and are the true Chriſtians.

And Chriſt ſaith in *John* 12. 36. *Believe in the Light, that you may become Children of the Light.* But the Old Man ſaith, That Light is a Natural Conſcience, and a Created Light, and a Made Light. But *John* ſaith, *it was the true Light which enlighteneth every one that cometh into the World*; and this true Light of Men is the Life in Chriſt, the Word by whom all things were made, who was before the word Conſcience, or Created or Made Lights, or the Old Man and his Deeds were; *for all things that were made, were made by him*; as in *John* 1, to the 9th. *And he that Believeth, is Born of God, and overcomes the World,* 1 John 5. 1, 2, 3, 4.

And theſe be the true Believers and true Chriſtians; for he that believeth hath the Witneſs in himſelf, and is Sealed with the Spirit of Promiſe, and can ſet to his Seal, that God is true, concerning his Son, and is paſt from the Death in *Adam*, to the Life in Chriſt the ſecond *Adam*, and are Grafted into him, and in him have Eternal Life, and ſo are Entered into Chriſt, their reſt, and are ceaſed from their own Works, as God did from his; and ſo do know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an Underſtanding, that we know him that is true, and are in him that is true, even in his Son Jeſus Chriſt, and this is the true God and Eternal Life; and theſe were and are the true Chriſtians, as in 1 *John* 5. to the end, though the Old Corrupt Man doth not believe it.

Chriſt ſaid to *Nicodemus*, *Except a Man be born again of Water and of the Spirit, he cannot ſee nor enter into the Kingdom of God.*

Nicodemus ſaid unto Chriſt, *How can a Man be Born again when he is old? can he enter the ſecond time into his Mother's Womb?* So *Nicodemus* in his firſt Birth, and the Old Man in him, could not ſee how he could be Born again; but Chriſt tells him, *That which is Born of the Fleſh, is Fleſh, and that which is Born of the Spirit, is Spirit; And therefore marvel not, that I ſay you muſt be Born again*, John 3. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

So theſe ſee, that are Born of the Spirit, the Spiritual Kingdom of God, and are Heirs of it, and do enter into it, that are the true Chriſtians: and as it is ſaid before, as many as Believe in Chriſt, and Receive him, he gives them Power to become the Sons of God; and as many as are led by the Spirit of God, are the Sons of God; ſuch are Born of the Spirit. But the Old Man will ſay it is Blaſphemy, to ſay they are the Sons of God; and yet this Old Man, in the *Jews*, ſaid they were of *Abraham*, and God was their Father, and yet they crucified Chriſt, for ſaying that he was the Son of God, *&c.* So he that is Born of the Fleſh and the Old Man, always did and doth perſecute him that is Born of the Spirit, tho' he may go under the Form and Name of a Chriſtian, as old *Iſhmael*, that old perſecutor, that came under the Form of outward Circumciſion.

And ſuch as ſay we have Preacht or Prophecied in thy Name, and called Chriſt Lord, and he that hid his Talent, and the fooliſh Virgins, that had not Oyl in their Lamps, do you think that ſuch as theſe would not be called Chriſtians, whom Chriſt takes his Talent from, and doth not know, and ſhuts the door againſt, who do not the thing that he commands?

They that have Oyl in their Lamps, that do the Will of God, and improve their Talents, are the true Chriſtians, that enter into the Kingdom, the Joy of the Lord, which are the good and faithful Servants.

Chriſt ſaith, *Freely ye have received, freely give*; and the Apoſtle laboured to keep the Goſpel without charge. And again, Chriſt ſaith, *Swear not at all.* And the Apoſtle *James* he ſaith, *Above all things, my Brethren, ſwear not, neither by Heaven, nor by the*

the Earth, nor by any other Oath; but let your Yea, be Yea, and your Nay, Nay, leſt ye fall into Condemnation. And *John* ſaith, *This is the Love of God, that we keep his Commandments.* So, they that keep the Commandments of God and Chriſt, in doing what he commands them, are the true Chriſtians; but they that diſobey the Command of God and Chriſt, go under the Name of Chriſtians, who ſwear, and make the Goſpel chargeable, and go into evil, and fall under condemnation.

And they that ſay Prophecy is ceaſed, and Revelation is ceaſed, and Viſion is ceaſed, theſe go under the Name of Chriſtians, but the Old Man leads them from the Spirit that God poureth out upon all fleſh; by which Spirit God's Sons, and Daughters, and Servants, and young men, and Hand-maids have their Viſions and their Prophecies, and ſuch are the true Chriſtians; but they that turnthe Grace of God into wantonneſs, and walk deſpitefully againſt it, and live wantonly upon the Earth, ſuch would be called Chriſtians: And concerning ſuch as deny Revelation, the Apoſtle ſaith, *The things of God knows no man, but the Spirit of God. The Natural Man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, neither can he know them, becauſe they are ſpiritually diſcerned; but God revealeth them unto his People by his Spirit,* 1 Cor. 2. 9, to 12.

And the Apoſtle ſaith, *Gird up the loins of your minds, be ſober, hope to the end, for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jeſus Chriſt,* 1 Pet. 1. 13. And the Apoſtle ſaith, *Therein is the righteouſneſs of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, the juſt ſhall live by faith,* Rom. 1. 17. And the Apoſtle ſaith, *I neither received the Goſpel of man, nor was I taught it but by the revelation of Jeſus Chriſt,* Gal. 1. 12.

And therefore how come you that go under the Name of Chriſtians, that deny Revelation, to know the things of God, and know the true Divine Faith that Chriſt is the Author and Finiſher of, or to know the Grace of God, or the Goſpel of Chriſt Jeſus; for the true Chriſtians did and do know theſe things by the Revelation of the Spirit of Chriſt, and you have got the Words of Grace, Faith, and the Goſpel of Chriſt, but are erred from the Spirit of Revelation, and therefore ye are not like to know them.

And Chriſt ſaid, *No man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father, and who the Father is but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him*, Luke 10. 22. Mat. 11. 27.

So it is clear, if you believe Chriſt what he ſaith, who go under the name of Chriſtians, and deny Revelation, that you neither know the Father nor the Son, nor no man but he to whom the Son ſhall reveal him; for you that deny Revelation, you deny the Means by which Grace, Faith, the Goſpel, and the things of God, and the Father and the Son is known; as the Scriptures before clear.

And Jeſus rejoyced in ſpirit, and ſaid, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, that thou haſt hid theſe things from the wiſe and prudent, and haſt revealed them unto Babes; even ſo Father, for ſo it ſeemed good in thy ſight, Luke 10. 21.

Here you may ſee, you that deny Revelation, that you are too high in the outward knowledge that muſt periſh, and that earthly fooliſh Wiſdom that is below, that muſt come to nought, and yet you would be called by the Name of Chriſtians: But thoſe Babes were the true Chriſtians, that had the things of God revealed to them, though hidden from the wiſe and prudent of the world, who deny the true Means by which the things of God are known.

And ſuch as the Apoſtle calls *wandring ſtars*, who wandred from the Firmament of God's Power, *Jude* 13. And ſuch as become *a ſounding Braſs or a tinckling Cymbal*, 1 Cor. 13. 1. Which may be pleaſant to the itching ears from the Truth: Do not you think that ſome of theſe went under went under the Name of Chriſtians, though they were out of this excellent way of Love and Charity? And the Apoſtle ſaid, *Now if any man have not the Spirit of Chriſt, he is none of his*, Rom. 8. 9. Now they that have been in the Elements of Water, and taken the Elements of Bread and Wine in remembrance of Chriſt, and have all the Scriptures both of the Old and New Teſtament, and go under the Name of Chriſtians, and if they have not the Spirit of Chriſt, they are none of Chriſt's. And again, the Apoſtle ſaith, *If any man be in Chriſt, he is a new creature*, 2 Cor. 5. 17. *Old things are paſſed away, and behold all things are become new:* So theſe were and are the true Chriſtians in Chriſt, though the Old Man, and the Old

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Creatures, living in the Old Things with his outward Temple and Worldly Sanctuary and Tithes oppoſe them : But the true Chriſtians *are built up a ſpiritual houſhold, a choſen generation, a holy nation, a peculiar people, that do ſhew forth the praiſes of God, who hath called them out of darkneſs into his marvellous light, and are a holy royal Prieſthood to offer up ſpiritual ſacrifice to God by Jeſus Chriſt*, 1 Pet. 2. 5, 9.

And the Apoſtle ſaid, *Jeruſalem which is above is the Mother of us all*, Gal, 4. 26. Spiritual and heavenly *Jeruſalem* is the Mother of all that are born of the Spirit, and are born of the immortal ſeed, and that believe in the Light, and are children of the Light, and walk in the Light; and the Lord God and the Lamb is the Light and the Temple in this new and heavenly *Jeruſalem*, which is above *Jeruſalem* which is below, with her Temple, Tythes and Prieſts, which is in bondage, with all her Children; but *Jeruſalem* which is above, and her Children is free.

Gooſes, the ſeventh of
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Concerning the Holy Scriptures of Truth.

THE Holy Scriptures of Truth is the trueſt Hiſtory that is upon the Earth, of the Creation of God, and of what God hath done himſelf, and what God hath done by his Prophets and holy Men and Women, and what God hath done by Chriſt his Son, and Chriſt hath done by his Apoſtles, and what God and Chriſt hath done from the beginning of the World in their times and ſeaſons, and what they will do to the end of the World.

And the Scriptures, ſome of them are Hiſtory done in their times, and ſome of them are ſhadows, and figurative and typical of things in their Times, of which Chriſt is the ſubſtance and end; and ſo the Scriptures of Truth is the beſt Book upon the Earth to be read, believed, fulfilled, and practiſed; and

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Chriſt, the ſubſtance of them, to be enjoyed and walked in; ſo the Scriptures were not given forth for men to make a Trade and Merchandice of them, and keep People always in teaching, that they may be always paying, in their own Wills: For no Prophecy of the Scriptures in the old time came by the Will of man, but holy men of God ſpake them forth as they were moved by the holy Ghoſt: And ſo it is the holy Ghoſt that leads into all the truth of them both in the Old and New Teſtament; which holy Ghoſt proceeds from the Father and the Son; and no man knows the things of God, but by the Spirit of God; for it reveals them: And the Scriptures of Truth are the Words of God, and Chriſt the Word doth fulfil them, both in himſelf, and in and to his People, and to the World, that belongs to them; for Chriſt is the Word, the Beginning and Ending, the Firſt and Laſt, and the Saints ſit down in the heavenly places in Chriſt Jeſus, who is ſat down at the right of God, who remains in the Heavens till all things be reſtored. The Apoſtle ſaith, *For* by Chriſt the Word, *God will reconcile all things in Heaven, and in the Earth, viſible and inviſible, unto himſelf in one.* So he brings all things into unity and concord; for Chriſt hath all power in Heaven and in the Earth given unto him, who bruiſes the Serpents Head, and deſtroys the Devil and all his Works; and God hath given him the Heathen for his inheritance, and the utmoſt parts of the Earth for his poſſeſſion; and he will rule them with a Rod of Iron, and daſh them to pieces like a Potters Veſſel, that are not ſubject to him; for all Power in Heaven and Earth is given unto him; and therefore all are to be ſubject to him and his holy Power, who is the holy King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

The Fourteenth of the Seventh Month, 88.

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Concerning Chriſt the Offering, and ſuch as are Choſen in Chriſt, and have their Names written in the Book of Life before the Foundation of the World.

HOw he hath appeared in the End of the World, to put away Sin; *not that he ſhould offer himſelf often as the high-prieſts*,&c. *For then muſt he often have ſuffered, ſince the Foundation of the World; But now Chriſt once in the end of the World, hath appeared to put away Sin, by the ſacrifice of himſelf*, Heb. 9. 25, 26. That is, in the end of all outward Worldly things, which were Shadows, Types and Figures, not in the end of the Creation, to ſacrifice himſelf to put away Sin.

And the Apoſtle ſaith to the *Corinthians*, 1 *Cor.* 10. to the 11th. Now all theſe things happened to them, (namely the *Jews*) for Examples or Types, and they are written for our Admonition, upon whom the Ends of the World are come.

So here the Ends of the World were come to the *Corinthians*, yet the outward creation was not ended; *He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear.*

And the Apoſtle ſpoke the Wiſdom of God in a Myſtery, even the hidden Wiſdom of God, amongſt them that are perfect, even the hidden Wiſdom which God ordained before the World to our glory, and this is above the Wiſdom of the World, 1 *Cor.* 2. 6, 7.

And again the Apoſtle ſaith to the *Epheſians*, *Bleſſed be God the Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who hath bleſſed us with all Spiritual Bleſſings in the heavenly places in Chriſt Jeſus, according as he hath choſen us in Chriſt before the Foundation of the World, that we ſhould be holy without blame, before him in love*, 2 Cor. 1. 3, 4.

Here you may ſee the Saints that were bleſſed with Spiritual Bleſſings in the heavenly places in Chriſt Jeſus, were choſen in Chriſt before the Foundation of the World.

And again, they that Chriſt had quickened and raiſed up together, he made them to ſit together in the heavenly places in Chriſt Jeſus, as in *Epheſ.* 2. 5, 6.

And again, the Apoſtle ſaith to *Timothy*, in 2 *Tim.* 1. 9. *God, who hath ſaved us, and called us by an holy Calling, not according to our Works, but according to his own Purpoſe and Grace, which Grace was given us in Chriſt Jeſus before the World began*, (Mark, *Given us in Chriſt before the World began.*) And again the Apoſtle ſaith to *Titus*, Tit. 1. 2. that he was an Apoſtle of Jeſus Chriſt, according to the Faith of God's Elect, and the Acknowledgment of the Truth which is after Godlineſs, in hope of Eternal Life, which God, who cannot lye, promiſed before the World began: And all the Promiſes of *God* are Yea and Amen in Chriſt; and in him the Saints ſit down in the heavenly Places, and are bleſſed with the heavenly Spiritual Bleſſings; and as *John* ſaith, *All that dwell upon the Earth ſhall worſhip the Beaſt, that aroſe out of the Sea, whoſe Names are not written in the Book of Life, of the Lamb ſlain from the Foundation of the World*; *If any man hath an ear let him hear*, Rev. 13. 8, 9. *And they that dwell upon the Earth, ſhall wander after the Beaſt, whoſe Names are not witten in the Lamb's Book of Life, from the Foundation of the World*; and they whoſe Names are written in the Book of Life of the Lamb, will not wander after the Beaſt that aroſe out of the Sea, nor the Beaſt that aroſe out of the Earth, nor Worſhip them, but Worſhip the Eternal God in the Spirit and Truth, that the Beaſt and the Devil is out of; and that is the ſtanding holy Worſhip of the holy Eternal God, for they are eſtabliſhed upon Chriſt the Rock.

Rev. 17. 8.

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